

COLORED NORMAL WAS BIG SUCCESS

One Just Closed at Normal and Industrial Institute Best Ever Held.

CORNER IN SPANISH PEANUTS

Nearly Entire Stock Said to Be in the Hands of One Man—News of Petersburg.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 105 North E. Street, Petersburg, Va., July 3. The Summer Normal, which has been in progress for some weeks at the Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute, closed this morning. This was the most successful of all the normals held at this institution. Colored teachers from all sections of the State, aggregating several hundred in number, male and female, attended the sessions, and it is said, made records in their studies. This institution, since its establishment, has sent out about 800 graduates, who have scattered through the State and country, engaged in different professions and occupations. They keep in touch with their alma mater, have formed alumni societies, and, creditable to relate, none of them, as far as known, has ever disgraced the institution.

The Peanut Situation.
The price of Spanish peanuts, which long remained stationary at \$1 per bushel, has within the last few days advanced to \$1.10, and a prominent merchant in authority for the statement that the tendency is upward still. Last year at this season Spanish nuts brought as high as \$1.40 per bushel, and the impression is that this figure will be reached under the present advance. The great bulk of stock now held is in the hands of a single firm, very little of last year's crop being left in the hands of farmers or commission merchants. This stock was purchased at prices ranging from 80 cents to \$1 per bushel. About the same amount was planted this year as last, and present prospects point to a fine crop.

In addition to the many commercial uses to which the peanut has been put, it is reported that large quantities of second-grade nuts are extensively used in the manufacture of cheese, particularly in the extreme Northern and Northwestern sections of the country and in Canada, and that cheese manufacturers make large purchases for this purpose.

Good Progress Being Made.
Excellent progress is being made in the erection of the large, new public building at the corner of Wythe and Jefferson Streets. It will cost about \$20,000, and will be completed by the opening of the fall session. In its style of architecture and conveniences it will be up-to-date, will contain ten rooms for instruction, and will be used for white children living east of Sycamore Street.

That was a magnificent meeting of the people of Petersburg, held in the Academy of Music last night, under the auspices of the local Anti-Tuberculosis League. Notwithstanding the rain could keep the people away. They were in full sympathy with the speakers in their advocacy of the great movement inaugurated to prevent and stop the ravages of consumption, which is sweeping untold thousands to the grave every year. The speakers were Dr. E. G. Williams and Dr. Levy, of Richmond; Dr. Wertheimer, of Norfolk, and Dr. Grandy, of the State League. They made a profound impression, which will result in good in Petersburg.

Brief Items of Interest.
Lawrence Watson, son of Mr. R. W. Watson, of Prince George county, had one of his arms broken and was otherwise severely injured yesterday afternoon in a runaway accident. While his horses were running he attempted to jump from the wagon, but was caught by the reins and was dragged some distance.

The Winchester Baseball Club is scheduled to play in Petersburg most of next week. The question of the transfer of the club to this city will be finally decided.

The following newly elected officers of Petersburg Lodge, No. 76, I. O. O. F., were installed last night: L. A. Andrews, noble grand; J. E. Grimstead, vice grand; J. A. Alfriend, recording secretary; R. A. Alley, financial secretary; W. H. Wilcox, treasurer; I. H. Edwards, chaplain.

The receipts of the Petersburg post office during the month of June were \$1,815, or an increase of 20 per cent. over the receipts for the corresponding month of last year.

Death of William M. Mays.
Mr. William M. Mays, harbor master of Petersburg, died at his residence on Washington Street this afternoon, after a protracted period of ill health. He is survived by his wife and one child. Mr. Mays was about forty-five years of age, was a genial and courteous gentleman, and leaves a host of friends in the city.

Thomas A. Jones, sixty-seven years of age, died this morning at his home on Halifax Street. He formerly resided in Chesterfield county, where he was well known, and is survived by his wife and five children.

JUDGE ALLOWS CLAIMS AGAINST THE DORCHESTER

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, Va., July 3.—In the libel suits arising out of the collision of the steamer *Dorchester*, of the Merchants and Miners' Line, with the schooner *Fannie S. Groverman* last September, Judge Waddell today, in the United States Court, held the steamer to be responsible, and allowed the following claims: John B. Lawson, \$4,000; Master W. T. Roberts, \$500, and for cargo of melons, \$200.

FOR MURDER OF CHILD.

Attempting to Strangle Mother With Knotted Rope, Man Hits Baby. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, Va., July 3.—Herbert Steptoe, colored, was arrested to-night,

Wise Talks by the Office Boy



Well, here we are again, as the end of the year only there's no end to the Glorious Fourth. I guess Old Glory will do herself proud to-day. I'm sure Betty Ross, were she alive and visiting Richmond to-day, would fall to recognize the town or the Stars and Stripes, especially the stars. Think of the thirteen stars, and the little bunch of thirteen States, and the lucky "13" it has brought you Uncle Samuel, and then remember that you are living in the best of the original "13" States, and that you have a date with my boss to-day, to come around and see how well he's going to treat you on that summer suit or outfit you've been waiting to get. This is a month of bargains at our store—20 per cent discount on all summer clothing—Men's, Boys' and Children's; 25 per cent reduction on all Straw Hats and Panama's; big reduction in Glove and Furnishing Goods Department. Come early.



charged with the murder of a two-year-old colored child in Madison Heights. It is charged that Steptoe attempted to strangle the child's mother with a knotted rope, but struck the baby. It died five hours later and was secretly buried.

The matter leaked out this afternoon, and an investigation caused the mother to tell the whole story of the child's death, which occurred ten days ago.

MAY GET BETTER PAY.

Increases of Salaries Proposed by Norfolk's New Code.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, Va., July 3.—Norfolk's new city code, now before Council for adoption, makes the following changes, all but one or two increases, in the salaries of officials:

Building Inspector R. L. Holland, \$1,500 to \$2,000.
Assistant Building Inspector W. H. Church, \$1,000 to \$1,200.
Assistant Inspector Plumbing C. L. Foster, \$1,000 to \$1,200.
Engineer in Charge Water Department T. L. Darrin, \$2,000 to \$2,400.
First Assistant Engineer at Water Works W. P. Overton, \$1,000 to \$1,200.
Superintendent of Street Cleaning, \$1,200 to \$1,500 (after 1909).
Clerk of the Market \$600 and 10 per cent fees to \$1,200 (after 1909).
City Auditor or Comptroller J. S. Culpepper, \$2,400 to \$2,400.
Chief Clerk of the Comptroller J. N. Bell, \$1,500 to \$1,800.
Second Clerk to the Comptroller W. W. White, Jr., \$600 to \$900.
Secretary to the Mayor Mrs. W. V. Hart, \$600 to \$900.
Chief Clerk Water Department J. F. Reid, \$1,500 to \$1,500.

The present estimated salary of the Clerk of the City Circuit Court, to be \$2,000, a part of which is in fees. The salary will be a straight \$1,200 after 1909 and no fees.

Clerk salaries, as paid by the city direct, are made contingent upon the payment by them of the income tax prescribed by the ordinance.

MAY CONVERT PINE BEACH INTO RESORT FOR NEGROES

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, Va., July 3.—Judge McLemore, yesterday morning, refused to enjoin the operators of the white city resort, formerly Pine Beach, from converting it into an amusement park for negroes. There being nothing in the lease to prevent it, he ruled that the law was powerless to render assistance to the protesting Atlantic and Terminal Company petitioners.

FOUR MEN ARE INJURED BY COLLAPSE OF SCAFFOLD

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINCHESTER, Va., July 3.—The collapse of a scaffold at the new Methodist Church at Whiteacre, this morning, before Major James C. Riddick and immediately entered on the discharge of the duties of the new position, made necessary owing to the new system of accounting recently adopted by the city. Mr. Culpepper was previously City Auditor, having done away with, and is therefore familiar with the details of his duties.

FORMERLY CITY AUDITOR, IS NOW CITY CONTROLLER.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, Va., July 3.—City Comptroller J. S. Culpepper qualified this morning before Major James C. Riddick and immediately entered on the discharge of the duties of the new position, made necessary owing to the new system of accounting recently adopted by the city. Mr. Culpepper was previously City Auditor, having done away with, and is therefore familiar with the details of his duties.

Negro Preacher Shoots Partner.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, Va., July 3.—Rev. John C. Hicks shot and mortally wounded George Stillwell, near Coeburn last Thursday. Both are colored men, and were partners in the mercantile business at Bon-Loy. It seems that Hicks was business manager of the firm, and was made a few days previous to the shooting. Rev. Hicks was captured and is now in jail at Wise.

Dr. Arrives in Lynchburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, Va., July 3.—Rev. Dr. W. A. Ayres, the new pastor of the College Hill Baptist Church, arrived from Newbern, N. C., yesterday afternoon, and he will begin his work as minister to that church next Sunday morning, the initial sermon being at the regular morning service.

WILL DROP MORE OF THE OFFICERS

Operating Receiver Fitzgerald to Further Reduce Expenses of Norfolk and Southern.

WILL COMPLETE THE SYSTEM

Work of Reorganization Committee Will Include Raising of Necessary Funds.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, Va., July 3.—An announced unofficially here, that Operating Receiver Fitzgerald, carrying out the agreement of receivers, will continue the policy of retrenchment in the affairs of the Norfolk and Southern, and that a number of other official heads, drawing good salaries, will fall in the basket at once.

It is declared, however, that there will be no retrenchment in any department affecting the operation of the road. It is known that the road carried a list of high-salaried officials, and it is at these that the ax will be aimed. It is also said that there will be a general cut in the salaries of those higher up. This is based on the fact that this was the policy Mr. Fitzgerald when in charge of the Baltimore and Ohio some years ago.

The receivers were in session several hours this morning looking over the affairs of the company. It was announced that all bills for the supplies of the last six months will be promptly paid as audited.

What the Receivership Means.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, July 3.—With regard to the formation of a reorganization committee for the Norfolk and Southern Railway Company, which was placed in the hands of receivers on Wednesday, it was stated yesterday by an individual with the property that no plan had yet been completed. The plan, however, will include the raising of new funds to complete the enterprise.

Oakleigh Thorne, president of the Trust Company of America, said that the directors of Norfolk, Va., were decidedly misleading in stating that his company owned \$15,000,000 of the railroad's bonds. The trust company is merely trustee for the issue, which is quite a different matter. It owns none of the bonds.

It was stated by Mr. Thorne that a clause in the mortgage gives the trustees the right, on being so requested by the railroad, to apply for a receivership. Such a request being made, the trust company promptly complied with it.

Receivership proceedings were not instituted because of any default in interest payments, because no such default occurred, the interest having been met promptly on May 1st. But the collapse in the lumber industry caused serious impairment of the company's earnings, as it is primarily a lumber road, owning extensive timber lands. It was furthermore found necessary to stop construction work during the period of depression.

The \$15,000,000 underwriting syndicate was wound up on May 1st, and the stocks and bonds have been distributed to the syndicate subscribers. Practically the entire underwriting has been paid off.

PURDIE IS AGREED UPON.

Selected by Good Government Faction for Board of Control.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, Va., July 3.—Following a stormy session of two hours behind closed doors to-night, the Good Government faction of the Democratic party, in the city, provided the judge be a resident of the city.

TO TRY THE CASE AGAIN.

Suit of Mrs. Stone for Being Placed in

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SUFFOLK, Va., July 3.—The verdict in the Rosa Stone case having been set aside, a conference of the attorneys to-day agreed to reopen the suit on July 17th.

The case is a unique one. Mrs. Stone sought \$10,000 damages from the Norfolk and Western Railroad for being compelled to ride from Myrtle to Suffolk, carrying a milk can, a "Jim Crow" car reserved for negroes.

A Circuit Court jury gave her \$500, and Judge James L. McLemore granted a new trial.

For Big Office Building.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, Va., July 3.—The Street Drug Company has let the contract for the construction of a seven-story office and store building on Commerce Street, which involves an outlay of \$40,000. The building will be of mill construction, with every modern appliance for business and fire protection.

Starts Campaign Early.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SUFFOLK, Va., July 3.—Colonel George C. Cabell, of Norfolk, one of the four congressional aspirants from the Second District, to-night made an open-air address to local voters. The speech of the campaign in Suffolk.

GREAT VOTING DAY

Thirteen Thousand Ballots Cast Yesterday in Pony Car Contest.

Shown under a bank of ballots, The Times-Dispatch pony and cart editor will have to work all of the glorious Fourth to get things in shape for his announcement on Sunday. Thirteen thousand ballots cast yesterday, James Pleasant Massie, a son of Col. Eugene C. Massie, dumped them in in big chunks, and Miss Cora L. Woods made big gains. As far as the count has gone Miss Christina Polkes is still in the lead. The full list, with the number of ballots cast up to 12 o'clock to-day will be printed in Sunday's paper, with all the conditions of the contest. Those who wish to make a good showing must get their votes in early this morning to be counted this week, as the votes cast after Monday will go over to next week.

Voters in the contest should observe carefully the date on which the ballots expire, as there is danger of holding back votes that they will be thrown out. The coupon printed in Sunday's paper will be good for five votes, which will greatly stimulate the contest. Those who are leading are not depending either on subscriptions or coupons, but are sending in both in large numbers.

Boy Shows Little Improvement.

The condition of Mortimer Williams, the ten-year-old son of Mr. Charles Williams, of 424 North Twenty-fifth Street, who was seriously injured Thursday evening by falling from a tree near his home, remains unchanged.

TO LENGTHEN DAYS IN GREAT BRITAIN

Plan Is to Push Clock Ahead Eighty Minutes and Get More Light.

TO START WORK EARLY

Scheme Will Save Gas Bills and Improve Health, Say Sponsors.

LONDON, July 3.—The committee of the House of Commons to which William Pierce's bill to save daylight was referred, amid roars of laughter, on March 28th, reports recommending that, for all scientific purposes, Greenwich mean time should be used, as heretofore. It regards the object of the bill as desirable, as it would benefit a large class of the community.

The measure, as submitted to the committee, proposes that all clocks in the United Kingdom shall next April be advanced eighty minutes, thereby giving to business men an immediate gain of one hour and twenty minutes of daylight. The committee reports that the weight of evidence submitted to it agrees with and supports the view of the gain the bill would constitute. It is expected that the bill will be passed before next April, making it effective in 1909.

Would Lessen Use of Saloons.
Among other advantages, the bill would benefit the general health and welfare of the people, lessen the use of saloons and reduce the expenditure for artificial light, on which it is estimated that workmen would be saved 9 pence (15 cents) a week.

Answering objections, the committee says that interference with American business might be obviated without serious damage to the numerous interests affected could adapt themselves to the alteration without much initial difficulty.

Under the new time system people would arise, it is expected, at their usual clock hour, and do their daily duties on the same schedule, thus gaining one hour and twenty minutes of daylight each day.

The supporters of the bill include many Chambers of Commerce, Borough Councils, railways, representatives of the manufacturing and shopkeeping classes, numerous associations for recreative purposes, schoolmasters and others interested in the education and welfare of children.

The majority of the newspapers are in favor of the proposed change, and the post-office authorities have declared that the business of the United Kingdom with the colonies and the United States easily could be accommodated with the proposals of the bill.

Expects America to Follow.
Although the London Stock Exchange is hostile to the bill, the Liverpool Stock Exchange is neutral, and is prepared to adopt the change should the bill be passed. It is understood that an effort will be made to have it passed at the autumn session, should it not be passed before the rising of the House in August.

Mr. W. D. L. Martin, the originator of the scheme that Mr. Pierce put in the form of a bill, says that from conversations he has had with several Americans he is convinced that the British Parliament's acceptance of the bill would have a very significant effect upon the commercial classes of New York. "If it were better known," he said, "I should say there is at least a 2 to 1 chance in favor of New York adopting the idea."

STRANGE GLOW LIGHTS SKY

Northern Europe the Scene of Remarkable Solar Phenomenon.

BERLIN, July 3.—Remarkable lights were observed in the northern heavens on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, the former being a brilliant yellow illumination continuing throughout the night until it disappeared at dawn. Observers at Archangel, of the Trepow peninsula, says that because of the phenomenon's particular brilliancy, he thinks it may be connected with important changes on the sun's surface.

Archangel, however, mentions a similar phenomenon in 1853. The light directly traceable to an outbreak of the Krakatoa volcano, in the Straits of Sunda.

Reports from Copenhagen and Koenigsberg of the same great lights being visible in those cities, and it is presumed that they are visible throughout Northern Europe.

OPERA PROGRAM READY

Season for Metropolitan, of New York, Opens on December 10th.

VIENNA, July 3.—Next season's program for the Metropolitan Opera House, of New York, has been arranged by Gatti Casazza and Dippel, co-directors, who left here for a week's absence to-day.

Aida, with Desirée Armato and Corrado in the cast, will begin the season on December 18th. Toscanini will conduct. "Mme. Butterfly," "Die Walkure" and "Carmen" will be sung during the first two weeks.

The chorus will be composed of two hundred picked singers of Italy and Germany.

JAPAN'S POPULARITY WANES

Nation Petitioned to Guard Against Losing Universal Respect.

TOKIO, July 3.—An article appears in the *Yokohama Specimen*, an influential semi-official organ of Tokio, dealing with foreign criticisms of Japan. The paper calls upon the Japanese people to guard against losing the world's opinion, and says that instead of the universal respect and good will entertained toward Japan during the war, the nation has lost the sympathy of nearly the entire world.

This attitude is considered due to the Japanese government's over-anxiety to enlarge the army and navy beyond its financial ability.

Commenting on the article, the *Japan Times*, published by Japanese-English, says: "Calm reflection shows that the way

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Every \$12.50 Suit, without restriction; choice \$6.75
Every \$15.00 and \$16.50 Suit, without restriction, reduced to \$9.75
Every \$18.00 and \$20.00 Suit, regardless of character or kind; choice \$12.50
Choice of every \$22.50 and \$23.50 Suit, models of perfection, unrestricted choice \$14.50
Choice of every \$25.00 and \$26.50 Suit; none reserved; all are included \$16.50
Choice of every \$27.50, \$30.00 and \$32.50; pick and choice \$18.75

All Suits are our own superior make, and absolutely guaranteed.

Children's Department

Never before have we applied the knife as deep as on this occasion. Cost is no consideration. Every suit must go. The prices will move them.

Choice of every \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 Suit, only \$1.98
Choice of every \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50 Suit, only \$2.98
Choice of every \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00 Suit, only \$3.98
Choice of every \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50 Suit, only \$4.48
Choice of every \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00 Suit, only \$5.98

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in which the late war resulted has been amplified in many respects both by those in power and by the public in general.

The Journal calls upon the Japanese people not to display "a swollen head."

COLORED SHIRTS UNHEALTHY

Wearers Carry Dirt Longer Without Becoming Offensive.

LONDON, July 3.—According to the *Lancet*, the man who wears colored shirts is a sloven. The Medical Journal declares that colored handkerchiefs are an abomination.

"When a man finds it convenient to wear colored shirts and cuffs," the Medical Journal argues, "it means in reality that he can carry dirt for a little longer without giving offense than if he wore spotlessly white material."

"Materials which do not compel constant change by becoming offensive, if ever so slightly soiled, are bound to be worn too long. By wear-

Children's Wash Suits

Choice of every 50c and 75c Suit 30c
Choice of every \$1.00 and \$1.25 Suit 49c
Choice of every \$1.50 and \$2.00 Suit 99c
Choice of every \$2.50 and \$3.00 Suit \$1.25
Choice of every \$3.50 and \$4.00 Suit \$1.75

Children's Knee Pants

All 50c and 75c Pants 33c
All \$1.00 and \$1.25 Pants 69c
All \$1.50 and \$1.75 Pants 99c
All \$2.00 and \$2.50 Pants \$1.25

Children's Furnishings

and Straw Hats

Mother's Friend and Puritan Blouse, Waist, 65c and 75c grades; choice 37c
\$1.00 and \$1.25 grades; choice 49c
Boys' Balbriggan Underwear, full or knee length drawers, 35c quality; special 19c
Boys' Stockings, Golden Star Brand, sizes from 6 to 8 1/2, 15c grade; special 9c
Boys' Brownie Overalls of extra quality blue denim, 35c quality; special 19c
All Boys' and Children's 50c Straw Hats 25c
All Boys' and Children's \$1.00 Straw Hats 50c
All Boys' and Children's \$1.50 Straw Hats 75c

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ing only religiously clean linen man reduces the chances of picking up bacteria."

CHURCH AND SOCIALISM

Necessity of Brotherhood Urged at Convention in Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH, July 3.—The necessity of brotherly unity between the church and the better side of socialism was the general tone of the debates before the International Congress of the Church, which opened in this city yesterday.

Dr. Amory H. Bradford, of Montclair, N. J., spoke on Culture and Religion, and the Rev. Frank Merrick, of Massachusetts, spoke strongly in favor of the brotherhood of the churches. Brotherhood, he said, was a plainer ally of the church than every other cause could induce.

The Martin Enters Appeal.
Mr. J. W. Martin has entered an appeal against the verdict

handed down yesterday finding it guilty in the libel suit brought against it by Senator Humbert for involving him in the swindle recently conducted in Paris by Henry Rochette.

FIVE CHILDREN BEHEADED

Mother Arrested on Charge of Doing Work With Ax.

KHERSON, July 3.—A woman residing in a village near Kherston has been placed under arrest on the charge of having chopped the heads off five of her children with an ax.

Astor's Gift to Oxford \$100,000.
LONDON, July 3.—The Oxford University endowment fund, which was inaugurated by Lord Curzon on his election to the chancellorship, has reached \$500,000, and W. W. Astor has given his second donation of \$50,000, which he promised on March 12th last. Mr. Astor's total donation amounts to \$100,000.

CARY FIRST VICTIM

Negro Badly Hurt by Cannon-Cracker Explosion Last Night.

The first victim of the Fourth of July celebration was reported last night, even before the Fourth had dawned, in the person of Jefferson Cary, colored, who was walking with some friends on upper Clay Street, when an explosion from a firecracker thrown by boys inflicted a wound of sufficient importance to cause the ambulance to be called. Cary, according to the physician who attended him, was cut about the right leg. He was not dangerously hurt.

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Without a disordered LIVER there cannot be good blood.

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Pure blood means health.

Health means happiness.

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Cut Price Sale MEN'S OXFORDS

Blackbirds Attack Gay Hat

Brilliant Plumage on Girl's Hat Leads to Odd Fight.

ALTOONA, Pa., July